



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme
2014–2020

www.interreg-npa.eu

Bridging Call - 2021 Overview

Joint Programme Secretariat
September 9th 2021



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

Aims of Bridging call – 2021 application call

- The purpose of building a pipeline of project ideas for the upcoming programme is strengthening the starting position of the new programme.
- To explore in practice the different themes proposed in the new programme which could influence the programme or help design future calls.



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

Aims of Bridging call – 2021 application call

- Bridging projects are preparatory projects funded by the current programme, targeting main projects for the future NPA programme 2021 – 2027
- Bridging project applicants are expected to have a view on the NPA 2021-2027 future Policy and specific objectives within the scope of the current NPA 2014-2020 priority axes.



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- Project idea must address one of the four Priority Axes 2014 – 2020.
- Project duration: 6 months
- An eligible Lead Partner, and minimum of 2 partners from different 2 programme partner countries in the NPA area, one of which is located in a European Union Member State.
- Completion of an eMS preparatory project application form, including a work plan in line with the expected listed results.

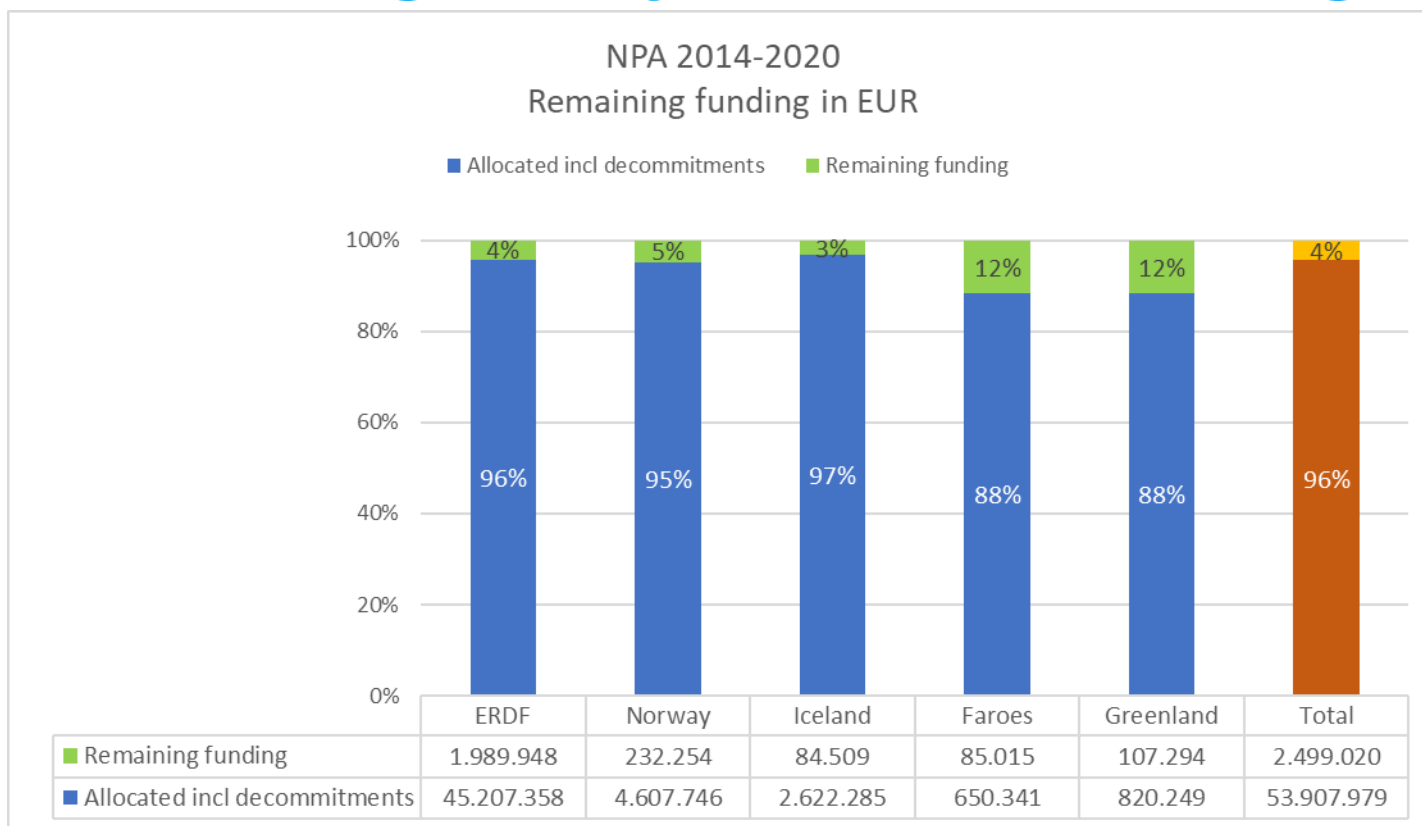


EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



NPA Eligibility rules and budget





Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- **NPA Eligibility rules** are found in the Programme Manual on the NPA web site.
- **Project Budget:** Recommended ERDF 60.000 EUR. Proportional budget using ERDF grant up to 100.000 EUR in well justified cases plus non-Member State budget, using the regular intervention rates of programme partner countries.
- The budget will be paid on a lump sum basis upon completion of and meeting the conditions for funding.



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- The lump sum is granted in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Article 67 (5) and shall be established based on a draft budget on a case-by-case basis and agreed ex ante by the managing authority. The public support (ERDF support + public co-financing) for partners funded via ERDF shall not exceed EUR 100 000.



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- **Note:** Partners from Scotland and Northern Ireland should apply for ERDF co-financing.



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

Application procedure

- Call period **16th August 2021 – 8th October 2021.**
- Applications to be submitted via the online monitoring system (eMS)
- Decisions on Bridging call projects will be made by the NPA Monitoring Committee with input from Regional Contact Points and Joint secretariat.
- The decisions process takes place on December 8th, 2021.



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Guidance for applicants

- See the NPA 2014-2020 Programme Manual for a description of the Priority Axes, instructions for how to apply and the NPA eligibility rules.
- All other application documents can be found on the Bridging Call -2021 page.
- Do not hesitate to contact the Programme Secretariat or your Regional Contact Point
- See the NPA web site:

<https://www.interreg-npa.eu/news/pre-announcement-for-bridging-call-project-applications/>





Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

Guidance for applicants - Reporting

- One final report is due within three months of completion and to be received no later than **November 30th, 2022**.
- A final report should include evidence of the work undertaken such as cases studies, feasibility studies, stakeholders mapping and target group development.
- Based on Lump sum principle the grant is paid out if all Grant Offer Letter conditions have been met.



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme

2014–2020

Thank you for listening

- We recommend that you are in touch with the Regional Contact Point details are on the NPA web site.
- Contact Christopher Parker at the Joint Secretariat (christopher.parker@interreg-npa.eu)



EUROPEAN UNION

Investing in your future
European Regional Development Fund